

## This and That

### Vacation is Over

When this reaches the readers the summer vacation is over. You may talk about the heat, about the big fish you caught, about the good and the bad motels, but the fact is you are now beginning to look forward to fall and winter.

Pastors and churches are also beginning to take on new life. The Sunday school gets into full swing, plans for the fall activities are being announced. The Sunday attendance which had suffered for a few weeks is getting back to normal, and an atmosphere of expectancy is felt in all the organizations of the church.

However, it sometimes seems that people have a hard time getting back to normal. The fact is that even a few weeks away from the Sunday morning worship may have harmful effects. Some find it extremely difficult to attend their churches again Sunday morning.

Here is our advice: Let the vacation be over and get to work!

### Write a Letter

While we are thinking of the vacation we have this bit of advice. You get a number of people on your trip from the past summer who were kind to you. They helped you make the vacation a good one, and you said: I want to send them a note when I get back home.

Now is the time to do this. Many interesting friendships and contacts that will be cherished later in life may result from writing a thank you note to some of the people you met while you were vacationing.

### Put Your Newspaper Away, Dad

Many a father when he comes in at night will sit down and take the newspaper. But here is a little boy who when he sees his father settle down in the easy chair, comes right up to him

and says, "Dad, put this away. Give me a swing" or "see what I can do."

Often the father gets a little impatient and says, now be a good boy and play with your tractors or your other toys. And the little boy gets quiet and says nothing and takes hold of his tractors, but they are not really fun right now.

But stop and think! It does not take many years before this little boy is a big boy, and then you will like to have him share his experiences with you. But during his early childhood you had no time.

Be a real father of your children. It pays!

I saw a father take his boy to Sunday School one morning. The boy walked up the steps and then turned and looked back to his Dad and waved. I liked that.

An hour later I saw the same boy leave the church. His Dad was waiting for him outside the church, and the Dad called to his son, "Hurry, let us get home." I did not like that.

### District Meetings

Our synod conducts its district meetings in the fall. This year all the districts will discover that they no longer have any direct authority over the home mission field within the districts.

The Home Mission Board will now supervise these missions. We believe this is a good move. But the districts may find it somewhat difficult to find things to do now. They will be tempted to go on as before. They will even be tempted to forget that a much heavier synodical budget is required of the congregations, and they will say, Let us ask for the same budgets as last year.

This should not be done. We should learn to have great inspirational district rallies. District meetings have

not been too interesting. Two sessions have generally been spent on some very small business items.

The districts should do two things. They should only ask for the mere necessary funds for the administration of the districts. Then they should also refrain from trying to collect money for Lutheran Welfare, Bible Camps, Sunday School Committees, etc. These matters are not truly district matters. They are congregational matters generally.

The district meetings could well be made into strong rallies where members of the district could come and be enlightened and inspired to serve Christ.

We just read of a meeting in Pennsylvania of the U.L.C.A. where they expected 5000 church council members. What a thrill to see that many trustees and deacons present discussing what to do in the home church. Let our districts do something along that line, and people will surely attend them.

### A Resolution

Let us close these notes with this resolution:

We will not listen or willingly inquire after any ill concerning each other.

If we do hear any ill of each other we will not be forward to believe it.

As soon as possible we will communicate what we hear by speaking or writing to the person concerned.

Till we have done this we will not write or speak a syllable of it to any other person whatever.

Neither will we mention it after we have done this to any other person.

We will not make any exception to any of these rules unless we think ourselves absolutely obliged in conscience so to do.

Signed John Wesley. Charles Wesley  
Thos. Maxfield. J. Downes, etc.

From an old MSS. in Wesley's handwriting.



# News and Notes

## The Last 8 Page Issue this Year.

This is the third and last issue in 8 pages in 1954. Every year at vacation time we print a few issues in 8 pages. We do that because people are on vacation, and also because our workers at Lutheran Publishing House take their vacations toward the end of August. You who are interested in the finances of the paper will appreciate that we also save some money on those issues.

**The Rev. Sigurd D. Petersen**, who was pastor at Emmaus Lutheran, Racine, Wis., till Sept. 1st, is now being trained for the chaplaincy at Topeka State Hospital. His new address is 1163 Garfield Ave., Topeka, Kansas.

**Bishop Skat Hoffmeyer**, Aarhus Denmark, was one of the delegates to the Evanston Assembly. Now he is making a tour of the United States and Canada speaking in a number of the churches of both the A.E.L.C. and the U.E.L.C. The last Sunday of August he preached at our church at Kenosha, Wis. From there he went to Spencer, Iowa, where he spent five days. During that time he lectured at a pastors' meeting at Ingham Lake. He preached at Ringsted in the A.E.L.C. congregation and he preached at a service at Spencer. He also addressed the Ladies' Aid. It was a joy to have him, and we are sure he will be appreciated wherever he goes.

**Fremont, Nebr.** Members and friends of First Lutheran Church in Fremont, Nebraska, honored their pastor and his family, the Rev. and Mrs. Archie L. Madsen, Mark and Marie, with an "Appreciation Party" in the Sinai Lutheran Church parlors Tuesday evening August 31st.

The three hundred guests present were entertained with the skit "This Is Your Life, Pastor Archie L. Madsen." Incidents were shown in his life from birth until the present time. Harold Eller was master of ceremonies.

Following the program, Russell Nelson, president of First Lutheran Church Council, presented the Rev. and Mrs. Madsen, Mark and Marie with a tele-

vision set, brief case, suitcase, Westminster Chime clock and Bible.

The Rev. Mr. Madsen responded and concluded by singing "I'd Rather Have Jesus," accompanied by Mrs. Madsen.

A social hour followed and refreshments were served. Mrs. M. G. Christensen of Omaha and Mrs. Clifford Hansen of Blair poured. Mrs. Russell Nelson had charge of the guest book. Rev. Clifford Hansen of Blair who performed their marriage, and the Rev. M. G. Christensen of Omaha, president of the Nebraska District who installed Pastor Madsen as pastor here three years ago, were present and took part in the program.

A few of the things accomplished by First Lutheran Church under the faithful guidance of Pastor Madsen are as follows:

The attendance at our worship services has increased to such an extent that we are now in the process of planning the building of a new and larger church in the near future.

Our Sunday School has grown to the place where we are crowded for room in spite of the addition of our new parish house which is being used for education purposes.

Our Sunday School staff has grown until it numbers about 35 teachers and officers including an assistant for each class. We have completed a new parsonage, also purchased a site for our new church.

Last, and possibly greatest of all is Pastor Madsen's untiring efforts to bring to each one the pure Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and His willingness in helping those even outside of our congregation.—Corr.

## A NATIONAL ALL-LUTHERAN "FREE CONFERENCE"

The first national All-Lutheran "Free Conference" in the history of American Lutheranism will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 11-12, 1954.

The conference, authorized by the executive committee of the American Lutheran Conference is being arranged by its president, Dr. S. E. Engstrom, Executive Director of the Board of American Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church. In announcing the

conference, Dr. Engstrom stated, "The American Lutheran Conference is merely acting as an agent in arranging for the All-Lutheran Conference which will be held immediately following the convention at which the American Lutheran Conference will dissolve. It will be a 'Free Conference' in every way," he said.

Lutheran pastors and laymen from every Lutheran Church Body in the United States are eligible to attend the two-day sessions which will center about the theme **OUR COMMON GROUND AND OUR COMMON TASK**.

Participants in the formal presentations will include Dr. Alvin Rogness, St. Paul, Minnesota, President of Luther Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; Dr. F. Eppling Reinertz, New York City, Executive Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America; Dr. C. Umhau Wolf, Maywood, Illinois, of the American Lutheran Church; and the Rev. J. H. Gockel, Wilmette, Illinois of the Missouri Synod.

Noting that this first "Free Conference" will be characterized as an "unofficial" assembly of Lutheran Church members, Dr. Engstrom pointed out that a parish pastor, Dr. Theodore E. Matson, pastor of the Ebenezer Lutheran Church (Augustana) of Chicago, has been responsible for the selection of the theme, the schedule of speakers, and conference details.

"It is hoped that this Lutheran Free Conference will fill a long felt need for a meeting ground for all Lutherans in America. Whether or not there will be any more conferences of this nature will depend on the action of the "Free Conference" itself, thus preserving both the nature and the purpose of the conference," Dr. Engstrom stated.

## PACIFIC DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Pacific District Convention will be held at the Bethesda Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon, October 13-17. The opening meeting will be held Wednesday, October 13, at 8 p.m., and the closing meeting on Sunday, October 17, at 3 p.m.

All congregations are urged to send delegates. Any person who has reached the age of 21 years and who is a  
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## A Strong Encouragement

A Radio Sermon by Pastor James C. Peterson

From the prison in Rome, nearing the time of his martyrdom, St. Paul writes to Timothy a letter of strong encouragement to cling to Jesus and the Christian faith. Our text is Tim. 1, 6-12. Here are many points we like to emphasize.

**Personal Experience With Jesus.** "I know him," says Paul. Once Paul was an enemy and persecutor of Christ, but he did not know the Saviour then; "I did it ignorantly in unbelief," the Apostle says later. O, if they only knew "the Prince of Glory," those Soviet--Anti-Christians and others who are threatening His destruction! But they're ignorant, ignorant of His power, His love, His eternity. Yes, if they only knew Him, the kindly philosophers like David Hume and Santayana who are content to "glean some philosophic summary from the myths of the Christian religion." And what if they all knew Him from personal experience, the numerous men and women who are working so hard for the progress of their respective churches and denominations? Yes, thank God many of these do know Jesus through repentance, faith, and consecration. Yet let our hearts be stirred at the thought of Paul who referring to the time he accepted Jesus declares: "Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was disobedient unto the heavenly vision"; and "straightway conferred not with flesh and blood."

**The Eternal Origin of Our Salvation** is another reason for resting in Jesus. "Before times eternal," or, "before the world began," says our text, God's grace in Christ was given—shall we say potentially. The thought is far beyond our finite mental comprehension, but accepted in faith by the Holy Spirit, it contains buoyant spiritual power that can lift up our heads from the hardest and lowest circumstances. Do not think of Paul imprisoned by the demented king Nero who having set fire to Rome, falsely accused the Christians, and soon would order the Apostle beheaded. Viewed narrowly from the dungeon prison, the thought would have crushed Paul, but in the light of "times eternal" the whole picture changes miraculously. Dear listener, have you sensed this uniqueness of the Christian faith to which God has called you? This grace, and love, and wisdom, and power of God which in Christ comes to us from eternity is the secret of our courageous and victorious life. It has lifted the souls of men from despair; it has given power over temptation and sin; it has moved thousands of men to a life of unselfish service. When next Sunday you go to church and hear the Christian gospel (and let us hope that's what you will hear), do bear in mind the gospel message is not merely of yesterday or years ago. It comes with Jesus from eternity. Let us trust in Him!

**The Hope of Eternal Life** beckons the human soul to trust in Christ, for it is He, says Paul here, who has "abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." Easter morning is the glorious spiritual sunrise for human souls. It has been the inspiration of peoples through the ages. And how our present age does need a renewal of that hope! The world's greatest malady today is the lack of eternal hope in Christ. The light of Christian life is being blacked out from whole nations now. Even America is in danger of going through a dark age. An outstanding scholar of history comes forth with the prediction that the next generation of Americans will content them-

selves with "the lighter things of life" in a variety of entertainments and "few will exert themselves to do any deeper thinking." Following that, he says, will come "a painful reaction—perhaps too late." Well, let us take the thought to heart earnestly. But we will also remember there's a God in heaven, the God who can save us and our nation, and the world! But remember, the world's hope is in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God. Therefore, I will put my trust in Him.

**The Struggles of Our Task on Earth**, if we take it earnestly, will call forth in us a sense of our need of Jesus and will deepen our trust in His divine help. Paul, having here spoken of Christ who brought light and immortality to light through the gospel, then refers to his own practical life as teacher, Apostle, and preacher of that gospel. This calling as missionary had brought him suffering, he says, but he is neither sorry nor ashamed of it, for it has brought him to put himself in the hands of God through the trying experiences. Think about this a moment, all you Sunday School teachers, and church leaders—we pastors and preachers may indeed also compare ourselves to Paul at this point. It is true that Paul had given himself wholly to Christ right from the start, from the time of his conversion—which may, or may not, be true of all of us. Yet he had much to learn, not only in the way of knowledge of spiritual truths but especially with reference to complete reliance on God in every turn of events and for every hard task. A study of his three missionary journeys will give many examples of this. Now, fellow Christian workers in the various churches and denominations, let us ask ourselves such questions as these: Do I take my work in the church so earnestly and honestly that I am more and more aware of my shortcomings? Do I deeply sense my own unworthiness, need of more knowledge, love, wisdom, power? Do I daily go to Jesus for renewal of strength, for guidance, for help? Am I duly thankful to God that He has graciously granted me growth and inspiration in the Christian service? Surely, Paul's calling and service in the church was one of the things which had brought his soul to the grand climax of expression which we shall now consider as the final point of this sermonette.

**A Life Lived Trustfully in The Master's Service** will lead to putting our all into His hands "against that day." What might it be that Paul had "committed unto him" for final security? Let us think, first of his personal and eternal salvation. Note here what he says in chapter 4: "I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only but also to all them that have loved his appearing." If some would ask what sort of righteousness the Apostle refers to here, let us observe as keynote of all Paul's writings his expression in Romans 3:22: "Even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ unto all them that believe." God who by the Holy Spirit wrought in our hearts that faith in Christ through which we have the saving righteousness is by the same Spirit able to guard it in our hearts until that day when the good fight is finished. God grant that such may be the course of your life!



## A Letter

Dear Editor,

Some weeks ago there appeared in The Ansgar Lutheran a couple of articles which greatly interested me. I have misplaced this issue. I do not remember the exact titles so I shall have to write from memory.

The one was on the lack of discussion on issues of our synod brought up at our annual conventions. I heartily agree with the article. Most of us go to our conventions with little knowledge of the matters to be brought up. The pre-convention reports may have been read but probably not studied nor discussed. I'm sure many of our delegates come to the meeting without any congregational discussion and without much knowledge of the wishes of the members of the congregation which they represent.

The suggestions of the central committee are then brought to the assembly by their chairman. It all sounds very good and each one reasons with himself that they must be the proper things to pass or they would not have been formulated. Perhaps the delegates do not understand them but no one cares to admit how little he knows, or disagree with the committee members. He just keeps silent as does most everyone else. The question is called for and the issue adopted or rejected without much of a realization on the part of the delegation of what is really involved. Can it be carried out after they return home? Ignorance is one of the worst enemies the kingdom of God has. I do not know how this condition, can be remedied but I feel that an intelligent floor discussion would be a great help.

The other article was on the importance of the pastor serving a congregation. With a few exceptions he is the least talked and written about. Newspaper articles and magazine writeups are usually about men in some particular field of religious work. My personal conviction is that if a thorough foundational work is done in the local congregation we would have no need of the other leaders. Exceptions are

always found but as a general rule, a person with little or no religious conviction and inadequate training will not see religious organizations at schools or places of employment. Our church bodies are entirely dependent upon the support of the congregations. So all the way down the line—the local congregational work is the foundation upon which all other religious activity depends. We know that in construction work the foundation is so very important and the same principle holds in our Christian work. Jesus says in Matthew 7:24-27 that the house built upon sand falls when the wind and rain comes but the house built upon the rock stands. Let every member of our local churches be loyal to our pastors and may they in turn be loyal to the command of Jesus in feeding and keeping His flock. I feel that a more concentrated work in our local congregations will result in greater and wider horizons to be explored. The Christian religion will live and grow in proportion to the strength of each individual's conviction. The battle against communism is not fought behind the walls of Congress nor on the battlefield but in the hearts and lives of professing Christians. Let us all awake to the dangers about us and to the privileges about us to bring peace and security to the hearts of restless men and nations.

Mr. Bernhard LeVander, candidate for the Republican nomination for attorney general of the state of Minnesota recently said that the principles and ideals that he was taught in the parsonage and dear old church should be put to work in government. He also stated that ten simple laws, the law of Moses, should become the political platform of every candidate from the city hall to the state house. They are 100,000 times more important, he said, in atomic 1954 than they were when Moses wrote them. May we all have these convictions to live and build on.

Sincerely,

Helen M. Jensen

(Mrs. Delbert Jensen)

## Dr. Fry Heads Central Committee of the World Council of Churches

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, 54, president of the United Lutheran Church in America, was named chairman of the newly elected 90-member policy making Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

The Second Assembly of the World Council, meeting here Aug. 15-31, elected 17 Lutherans to its powerful Central Committee, the agency's chief policy making body between its quinquennial assemblies.

U. S. Lutherans elected members of the Central Committee were, along with Dr. Fry, Dr. Henry F. Schuh, president of the American Lutheran Church, and Dr. Petrus Olof Bersell, president emeritus of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

Dr. Fry, who served as vice chairman of the Central Committee for the last six years, was named chairman at the first meeting here of the policy making body. Dr. Ernest A. Payne of London, general secretary of the Baptist Union of England, was named vice chairman.

Dr. Fry takes over the chairmanship of the powerful interim committee from the Bishop of Chichester, Dr. George K. A. Bell of the Church of England, whom the Assembly named an honorary president.

Other Lutherans elected to the World Council's Central Committee included Bishop Hanns Lilje of Hannover, Germany, president of the Lutheran World Federation; Bishop Gottfried Noth, of Saxony (East Germany); and Professor

Volkmar Herntrich of Hamburg, Germany.

Lutheranism in Scandinavia is represented by the following: Archbishop Yngve Brilioth of the Church of Sweden, and Mr. Margit Lindstrom, Lundsberg, Sweden; Bishop Hans Fuglung-Damgaard of Copenhagen, Denmark; Bishop Johannes Smemo of Oslo, primate of the Church of Norway; and Professor Aimo Tauno Nikolainen, Church of Finland.

Other Lutherans from Europe, elected to the committee were: the Rev. P. T. Poincenot of Doubs, France; Bishop Gerhard J. F. May of Vienna, Austria; Bishop Jan Chabada of Bratislava, Evangelical Church of Slovakia; and Bishop Lajos Veto of Budapest, Hungary.

Lutheranism in Asia is represented by the Rev. Gnana Jayam Paul David of Tambaran, Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India; and Mr. Karimunda Sitompur of the Batak Church of Sumatra.

Among the 90 members of the Central Committee are 7 clergymen, eleven laymen and six women. The total membership represents 31 different countries.

Twenty of the members come from the United States and two from Canada. European churches are represented by 2, Australia and New Zealand by five; Latin America by one; Asia and Africa by fifteen members. Thirteen of the ninety members represent Orthodox Churches.



# Trouble at Parpa

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By Dr. R. A. Syrdal

wrote recently about our trip from Socota north to our mission field in the mountains of the Department of Boyaca—about the church and parsonage that had been destroyed—about 240 men and services—about continued persecutions of the priest in the neighborhood of Socota to close the temporary church located in a private home they had recently closed our Lutheran school. We left Parpa on Monday morning. On Friday the threats were carried out. These Protestant Lutherans have to go through still more difficulty and suffering for their faith. They are taking it in stride.

Parpa is a mountain community that has the significance of having the first Protestant chapel in all of Boyaca. It was built by the people, and became the center of our mission field when we began our work in Colombia. We have been working with the people and helping them in their worship and in their entire program. The work was very favorable, although periodic opposition broke out against them. About five years ago persecution of Protestants was intensified and a mob of over 100 men attacked the combination church and school destroying it by well-placed bombs, and simultaneously destroying the parsonage and the home of a member living close by. Since the new regime it was felt that it was again possible to resume our work. A school was opened in the home of one of the members, and the home with its patio also served as a church. The school did not last long. It was refused registration and closed by the authorities. In a letter from the Director of Public Education, Bogotá, Boyaca, dated June 16, 1954, the following reasons were given for closing the school:

**Deficient Hygienic Conditions:** The Inspector for the Seventh Zone considers the building for the proposed school inadequate from a hygienic standpoint and 'antipedagogic' in every respect.

**Reasons Having to Do with Public Order:** The Director of Public Education has received an extensive memorandum signed by the authorities and people of the municipality of Socota; in which the signers not only protest the proposed school in Parpa, but also manifest their determination to hinder by whatever means at their disposal the establishment of an educational center with origin other than Catholic, the latter being the faith of the great majority of people of that town.

**Incompatibility with the Concordat:**

In circular number 310 of January 28, 1954, issued by the ministry of the Government, is found the following statement, 'Colombian citizens and foreigners residing in Colombia who are not Catholic, regardless of whether they are ministers or pastors or simply parishioners, may not carry out any public act of proselytism, nor employ any means of propaganda outside the sanctuary where the worship is held.' This has reference not only to mission territories but is of a general character, thus implying the prohibition of evangelical schools, as it seems obvious that the work carried on by Protestant teachers among young children who have not yet reached an age of discretion must be considered proselyting."

The reasons given are not valid. Hygienic conditions far above the average of schools of that nature were in effect. The Protestant community conducted this school for its own children, and it had an earlier history of many years' standing. The Concordat (agreement between the Pope and the Colombian government) was correctly quoted but wrongly applied. Recent clarifying statements by the government provide that both schools and church services can be conducted in designated houses, chapels, or school buildings.

Church services continued, but under the shadow of constant threats voiced by the priest of Socota that he would have the church closed. The teacher served as parish worker, and periodic visits of an evangelist caused new growth and strengthening of spirit of the congregation. It was on Friday, July 2 that the blow fell. We were then attending the conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia in Bogotá. That night we got the report which is in part as follows: "We greet all the brethren attending the conference with much love and Christian charity. We inform you that the opposition does not sleep and has unleashed his activities with the purpose of eliminating us and to close the door in all forms. This morning at seven o'clock the town mayor presented himself in the place where we meet, accompanied by twelve soldiers, and prohibited our meetings. He said that he was only obeying the orders of his superiors, and that as soon as he had entered into his office more than 200 persons had come to him accusing us. Not satisfied with having prohibited our meetings, propaganda and so forth, he notified us of a heavy

fine—that is, that we must present ourselves in the town on Tuesday to work in public work of the municipality. We know that they are thinking to oblige us to fix up the mountain roads at our own expense. As you see, beloved brethren, we are going to have the experience of the Israelites under the slave drivers of the Pharaohs. We believe that the decisive moment for us has arrived in which our government has to declare if Colombia is a democratic country where all the Colombians have liberty, peace, and justice, in practice as well as by statements over press and radio. We want to know how we, the small minority who dissent from the teachings of the Roman Church will fare. Please do not spare any sacrifices, beloved brethren, that may secure for us the guarantee of our rights. Our situation is urgent, so we plead with you in the Name of Christ."

Knowing that local officials may put their own interpretations on laws of the land and initiate their own actions of reprisals against Protestants under pressure of the priests of the area we immediately sought to see some officials of the national government. As the mayor was a military appointee we sought the highest general of the military forces. He met us graciously and gave us an appointment for Tuesday afternoon. We went to his office only to find that he had been called to the presidential palace on business. I had to leave the next morning but the appointment was renewed for that day and audience was given to one of our missionaries and to one of our Colombian Christian workers. I have received a report of this meeting and conditions seem favorable. Government men will confer together and all indications point to a rectification of the acts carried out against our brethren in Parpa. So far the action is pending, but we have hopes. If we are vindicated in this instance it will mean that a precedent has been set that will give courage to other Protestant groups in the area to rebuild their wrecked churches and to resume their full congregational program. We will watch this case with interest and solicit the prayers of all believers for these people and for the cause of Christ in Colombia. We work on in confident hope in the spirit of the Parpa Christian group that is even now raising what money they can and gathering together cement and other materials for reconstruction.



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member of the congregation is eligible to serve as a delegate. Each congregation is entitled to one delegate for each 50 members or a fraction thereof. Please note: according to our constitution—the term, member, is understood to mean persons who have reached the age of 21 years.

All members of the district are cordially invited to attend the convention.

Christian Justesen

President, Pacific District

## THE MINNESOTA DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Edina Community Lutheran Church extends a warm welcome to the 58th annual District Convention to be held at our church. We consider it a privilege to serve as host this year. Registration cards are now in the mail, and all delegates and alternates are requested to return these cards no later than October 1st. See your pastor about this matter, and please come and be with us during convention days.

Sincerely,

Jack Bernie, President

Paul F. Keller, Pastor.

The Minnesota District will hold its annual convention in the Edina Lutheran Church from October 7-10. All congregations are asked to send delegates and report to Pastor Paul Keller, that they are coming. Pray God's blessing upon the convention.

N. B. Hansen, President

Armin Hellpap, Secretary.

## NEBRASKA W.M.S.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Nebraska District will hold a series of meetings in conjunction with the annual convention to be held at

Bluffs Trinity Church, Fremont, Nebr., Sept. 23-26.

The annual business meeting will be held at 1:30 Friday afternoon, Sept. 24. We urge each society in our district to send delegates to this meeting.

The W.M.S. will sponsor a missionary service for the public on Friday evening at 7:30. Dr. Paul Nyholm will be the speaker.

A W.M.S. breakfast and devotional program will be held at Bluffs Trinity Church on Saturday morning. The Rev. Clarence Paulsen of Kansas City will be the guest speaker.

## LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Over 200 members of St. Paul's Lutheran packed their baggage and went camping together Friday evening through Monday of the Labor Day weekend. Four full-time cooks went with the group. In the early morning hours the campers were awakened by the melody of hymns coming over the loud speaker system. After breakfast, to the delight of the ladies, the men washed the dishes. At 9 a.m. the campers met together for their inspirational study topic under the trees in the canyon between two mountains. Following this was a time known as the "Alone Hour" which was not an hour in length but twenty minutes, at which time every camper was to be alone with his Lord. Absolute silence was maintained at the time. If you passed anyone you could smile and nod, but not speak. Following the "Alone Hour" a 15 minute recess was held at which time the refreshment stand, operated by the Junior Luther League, was open. Following this was another message by a guest speaker. The closing period for the morning was a question box.

The afternoons were spent in recreation, swimming, and discussions. The evening meetings were held on the side of the mountain, under the stars. On Saturday, following the evening service, the entire group went down to the recreation area and formed a large prayer circle. Sunday evening consecration service was held.

St. Paul's, one month before the camp, had a special four-day camp for its third through sixth grade children. Sixty were registered for the camp. One adult counsellor was present for each eight children present. Two outside children's teachers brought the stories and messages to the children. It was felt that the children's camp would now be a permanent establishment along with the St. Paul's other camps for its Board and young people.

## KANKAKEE, ILL., TO DEDICATE NEW CHURCH

Trinity Lutheran congregation formerly St. Ansgar of Kankakee, Ill. will have its new church dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 10:30 a.m. The Synodical President, Dr. Hans Jersild, will officiate at this service. A cordial invitation to all who would like to come is extended. There will also be evangelistic services in the afternoon and on Monday and Tuesday evening following.

**Song of Harvest Home.** The religion of man through the ages have included expressions of his awe and wonder at the mystery of sun, soil and seed which bring forth autumn's bountiful harvest. With songs of joy and thanksgiving they have given praise

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

	Total Received	Children's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission	Utah Mission	Pension Fund
<b>Total synodical budget \$256,668.60</b>		<b>14750.10</b>	<b>83300.00</b>	<b>25000.00</b>	<b>58646.50</b>	<b>7550.00</b>	<b>1542.00</b>	<b>65880.00</b>
Previously acknowledged	23312.85	1878.91	8923.85	2377.83	5346.31	1318.40	268.09	3199.
Eugene, Ore., Pastor and Mrs. H. A. Svendsen in memory of Martin Tange, Hutchinson, Minn.	5.00		5.00					
Hutchinson, Minn., Main Street Luth. Church	250.00	25.00	125.00		50.00			50.
Waukegan, Wis., Trinity Luth. S. S., a Mission Offering	14.32					14.32		
Waukegan, Wis., Trinity Ev. Luth. Church	500.86	50.86	250.00	75.00	75.00			50.
Spencer, Ia., Bethany Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. M. M. Runkle	5.00				5.00			
Spencer, Ia., Bethany Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Robert Beck	5.00				5.00			
Hutchinson, Minn., Main Street Luth. Church in memory of Martin Tange	80.00		10.00		70.00			
Kenosha, Wis., St. Mary's Luth. Church	400.00	50.00	200.00	50.00	50.00			50.
Morgan, Minn., in memory of Mrs. Jensen of Bethany Church: George Robertson, Royal, Ia., \$2.50, Louis Lawrence \$10, Elmer Bendixen and family \$2, Mrs. Alma Kalk and Gilbert \$1, Dora Johnson and Lyle \$1, Glenn Schultz and family \$1, Valoren Simonsen family \$3, Delbert Jensen family \$1, Bernard Menk \$1	13.50							
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pixsen	1.00							13.
Omaha, Nebr., Pella Luth. Church	300.00		150.00		75.00			75.
Waukegan, Wis., Bethel Ladies Aid of Trinity Luth. Church	50.00				50.00			
Spencer, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Ansgar Jensen in memory of Martin Tange, Hutchinson, Minn.	5.00				5.00			
Herman, Nebr., Hill Creek Ladies Aid, birthday box in memory of Frank Nelson, Osceola, Ia.	10.00				10.00			
Oakland, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. Church	150.00	10.00	75.00	25.00	25.00	15.00		
Owatonna, Minn., Ladies Aid of Our Savior's Church in memory of the mother of Mrs. Christian Bertelsen, Kankakee, Ill.	2.00							2.
Vermillion, S. D., Mrs. Pauline Christanson	20.00							20.
Milltown, Wis., Milltown Busy Bees in memory of Mrs. Mathilda Brask	2.00				2.00			
Cedar Falls, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church	175.00	25.00	75.00	25.00	25.00			25.
Chicago, Ill., M. Rolsted in memory of Harold Christensen, Ingeman Jensen and D. Oakley	9.00							9.

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of security during long winter  
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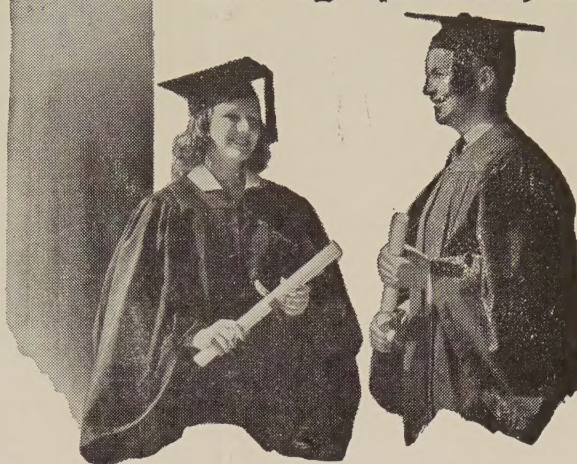
his autumn in thousands of Amer-  
country and city churches con-  
ations will continue the centuries-  
tradition by setting aside one Sun-  
service for the observance of the  
vest Festival. For country dwell-  
he service is a focal point at which  
e who live closest to nature can  
ress their gratitude. For the city  
ller, it is a reminder that the food  
tiny tin cans and neatly wrapped  
en packages comes originally from  
bounty of the earth.

#### Hymn Contest for Young People.

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ca invited young people—under  
age of thirty—to try their hand at  
ing hymns which will “express  
current mind of youth as it appears  
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avors will be a brand new hymn-  
ritten by and for youth. Some of  
umbers submitted will be print-  
m advance of publication of the  
edition and distributed to youth  
ps all over the country for use  
ng the annual observance of Youth  
k next Jan. 30-Feb. 6 sponsored  
ne United Christian Youth Move-  
of the National Council of  
rches.

ociety President Deane Edwards  
ests contestants may find inspira-  
in the Youth Week theme “One  
wship in Christ,” but says judges  
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Northgate, N. Dak., Northgate Ladies Aid	10.00		5.00	5.00					
Culbertson, Mont., Dane Valley Ladies Aid in memory of Chris Fryhling, Missoula, Mont.	8.00				8.00				
Harlan, Ia., Immanuel Luth. Sunday School	14.11		14.15						
Council Bluffs, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. Church	500.00	50.00	250.00	50.00	60.00	40.00			
Oshkosh, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	300.00		150.00	50.00	100.00				
Fremont, Nebr., an anonymous giver	11.00				11.00				
Fremont, Nebr., First Luth. Church in memory of C. H. Christensen	5.00				5.00				
Fremont, Nebr., First Luth. Church	700.00	50.00	350.00	100.00	150.00				
Orono, Maine, Dr. Marie Mengers and Mrs. Dora Mengers in memory of Rev. C. C. Mengers	5.00		5.00						
Shelby, Ia., Shelby Luth. S. S., contents of Birthday Bank	12.23	12.23							
Spencer, Ia., Bethany Luth. Sunday School	11.75		11.75						
Brush, Colo., All Saints Church	50.00	5.00	20.00	10.00	10.00				
Evan, Minn., Mrs. August Petersen in memory of August Petersen	15.00			10.00					
Elk Horn, Ia., Pastor and Mrs. Clarence E. Jensen in memory of Pastor C. C. Mengers	10.00		10.00						
Evan, Minn., Pastor and Mrs. Ernest Grill in memory of Mrs. Grill's brother, Rudolph Rasmussen, Seattle, Wash.	4.00		4.00						
Sleepy Eye, Minn., the Peter Johansen Estate	30.00		10.00		20.00				
Blair, Nebr., Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Johnson in memory of Mrs. T. M. Thomson, Denver, Colo.	5.00		5.00						
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church	175.00	10.00	80.00		60.00				
Kennard, Nebr., Emmaus Luth. Church	229.20	29.20	100.00		50.00	25.00			
Spencer, Ia., friends in memory of Robert Beck of Bethany Luth. Church	2.00				2.00				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27402.86</b>	<b>2196.20</b>	<b>10828.75</b>	<b>2772.83</b>	<b>6267.31</b>	<b>1415.72</b>	<b>268.09</b>	<b>365</b>	

# SPECIAL MISSIONS

	Total Received	Japan Mission	Amer. Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission	China Mission	L.W.A. Mission	Gen. For Miss.
<b>Budget for 1954-1955</b>		<b>16000.00</b>	<b>15500.00</b>	<b>10000.00</b>	<b>15000.00</b>			<b>36720.00</b>	
Previously acknowledged	40889.32	4690.60	2083.80	3578.78	5244.53	226.44	34.47	24795.70	23
Parlier, Calif., Mrs. Maria Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Hansen in memory of Rudolph Rasmussen, Seattle, Wash.	7.00			7.00					
Waupaca, Wis., Miss Edith Jensen in memory of Cassie George-son, Pasadena, Calif.	10.00	10.00							
Neenah, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	29.75	28.75						1.00	
Neenah, Wis., the W.M.S. of Our Savior's Luth. Church	20.00		20.00						
Cushing, Wis., Cushing Luth. Church	26.53	26.53							
Denver, Colo., Robert Hansen for the L.W.A. Refugee Work	10.00							10.00	
Sioux City, Ia., Phil Kirkegaard in memory of Mrs. Edwin Lund	5.00							5.00	
Exira, Ia., Exira Luth. Church	30.70	30.70							
Denmark, Wis., Mrs. Frank Kriwanek of Our Savior's Ladies Aid for Luth. Welfare of the Luth. World Action	3.00							3.00	
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Luth. Church	5.00							5.00	
Selma, Calif., in memory of Nels Larsen: Mr. and Mrs. H. Christensen, Cotate, Calif. \$2, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Larsen, Petaluma, Calif. \$2	4.00				4.00				
Selma, Calif., Pella Luth. Sunday School	46.14	24.45				21.69			
Hutchinson, Minn., Main Street Luth. Sunday School	229.89	76.63	76.63	76.63					
Hutchinson, Minn., Main Street Luth. S. S. for support of an Evangelist	100.00				100.00				
Minot, N. Dak., Miss Marcia Hamre for support of Tadumuna	10.00				10.00				
Morgan, Minn., in memory of Mrs. Jens Petersen of Bethany Church: Marie, Ethel and Martine Kjergaard \$2, Harold Ostergaard family, St. Cloud \$2, Johanne Kjergaard and Henry \$2, Einar Nelsen family \$2, Raymond Hoffbeck family \$1	9.00							9.00	
Luck, Wis., Luck Luth. Sunday School	29.18	29.18							
Kenmare, N. D., Nazareth Luth. Sunday School for support of a native child in the Mission School, Sudan	40.00				40.00				
Scranton, Ia., First Luth. Church	85.00				15.00			70.00	
Lindsay, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church	20.00							20.00	
Milton, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. R. C. P. Rasmussen of Bethany Church, Boston, in memory of Julius Werner	5.00							5.00	
Milltown, Wis., Milltown Busy Bees	30.33	30.33							
Denmark, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Sunday School in memory of Mrs. T. M. Thomson, Denver, Colo.	5.00		5.00						
Viborg, S. Dak., Bethany Luth. Church	12.80	12.80							
Marcus, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church	28.06	28.06							
Salmonhurst, N. B., Canada, Bethany Luth. Church	39.83				39.83				
Oshkosh, Wis., Our Savior's Luth. Church	18.45	18.45							
Fremont, Nebr., Bible School of First Luth. Church	34.74				34.74				
Fremont, Nebr., Pastor and Mrs. A. L. Madsen	50.00							50.00	
Fremont, Nebr., Mrs. Lorenzen	2.00							2.00	
Fremont, Nebr., First Luth. Church	61.70	30.85			30.85				
Hutchinson, Minn., Main Street Luth. Church in memory of Martin Tange	68.00								
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Ladies Aid in memory of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Mengers	6.00		6.00						
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Sunday School	7.03			7.03					
Kaysville, Utah, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lamp	5.00		3.00					2.00	
Evan, Minn., Mrs. August Petersen in memory of August Petersen	10.00				5.00			5.00	
Elk Horn, Ia., from a group of friends in memory of Mrs. Nels Clemesen for Parkjull, Santal Mission	9.50			9.50					
Elk Horn, Ia., Pastor and Mrs. Clarence E. Jensen	5.00			5.00					
Elk Horn, Ia., Pastor and Mrs. Clarence E. Jensen for Parkjull, Santal Mission	45.00			45.00					
Sleepy Eye, Minn., the Peter Johansen Estate	20.00							20.00	
Audubon, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. Church	157.32	157.32							
Audubon, Ia., Eben-Ezer Luth. Church	48.45	48.45							
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Church	59.35	59.35							
Northfield, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. John Hansen	10.00	10.00							
Detroit, Mich., the Mission Guild of N. W. Trinity Church in memory of Mrs. Rasmussen, the late president of the Illinois District W.M.S.	10.00			10.00					
Spencer, Ia., friends in memory of Robert Beck of Bethany Luth. Church	9.00				9.00				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42867.07</b>	<b>5312.45</b>	<b>2194.43</b>	<b>3738.94</b>	<b>5532.95</b>	<b>248.19</b>	<b>34.47</b>	<b>25002.70</b>	<b>30</b>

# CHURCH AND SCHOOL DRIVE

	Total Received	Dana Building Fund	Church Extension Fd.
Previously acknowledged	214082.14	128542.74	85539.40
Marcus, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church	28.06	28.06	
<b>Total</b>	<b>214110.20</b>	<b>128570.80</b>	<b>85539.40</b>

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